



Biography

James R. Little

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James R. Little is the Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). As Administrator, Mr. Little is responsible for the administration of farm commodity and conservation programs, farm loan programs, and certain disaster and Federal crop insurance programs. Many FSA programs are financed and carried out through the facilities of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), a wholly-owned Government corporation with a \$30 billion line of credit with the US Treasury. Mr. Little also serves as the Executive Vice President of CCC. Previously, Mr. Little served as Treasurer and Controller of CCC. Prior to his most recent appointment, Mr. Little was FSA's Acting Administrator.

Mr. Little has spent his entire professional career with USDA. Prior to serving in his current position, he was Associate Chief Financial Officer for Financial Operations. In this capacity, he provided oversight to USDA's overall financial operations, with an emphasis on ensuring that USDA's mission agencies complied with United States Government accounting standards and regulations involving assets valued at nearly \$120 billion. Mr. Little is a Certified Government Financial Manager.

Mr. Little began his professional career with USDA at the grass roots level serving as a staff accountant with the former Rural Electrification Administration, now a part of the Rural Development mission area. He worked his way up through the ranks, holding leadership positions in the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, now the Risk Management Agency, and the former Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, now FSA. With more than 31 years of total Federal service, Mr. Little has extensive financial, management, and program experience, particularly with USDA's county-based agencies.

Mr. Little, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, has a Bachelor of Science degree from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. He and his wife Bonnie are the parents of one daughter.